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Hanur Temple Tragedy

13 deaths so far

- **Two deaths reported since last night; eight patients continue to be in a critical condition**
- **MLA R. Narendra demands Muzrai Department take over Kichugutti Maramma Temple**

Mysuru, Dec.16 (MTY&BCT)- The toll in the tragic and horrifying case of mass poisoning at Kichugutti Maramma Temple in Sulwadi village in Hanur taluk of Chamarajanagar district that shook Mysuru and Chamarajanagar on Friday has risen to 13.

Till yesterday evening, 11 persons had died and last night, two more people died.

Yesterday's two deaths were reported from Apollo Hospital. They were 40-year-old Salamma from M.G. Doddi village and 35-year-old Mageswari from M.G. Doddi.

According to District Health Officials, eight persons who have been admitted at various hospitals in city continue to be in a critical state. The remaining 21 patients have shown signs of improvement but are being closely monitored and have been put on ventilator support.

Relatives of the poisoned victims wail in front of K.R. Hospital this morning. They said that they live in abject poverty and there is no one to rescue them. *[Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]*

Doctors said that it might take a few days to declare the patients out of danger as the effects of pesticides may take a long time to leave the human body.

Meanwhile, many relatives of patients alleged that their loved ones did not get proper treatment at hospitals. "There is no one to take care of us and we live in abject poverty. These politicians come to us only for votes but we are left in the lurch during the time of crisis and such mass tragedies," said a woman who was wailing in front of the K.R. Hospital.

Poignant scenes were witnessed around the mortuary of Mysore Medical College Mortuary where the dead bodies were brought.

Like yesterday, today too there was a steady stream of visitors to the K.R. Hospital from various villages of Chamarajanagar and Kollegal.

On its part, the State Government and the District Administration are trying to mitigate the sufferings.

Doctors treating the patients said that their first priority was to stabilise the patients who are in a critical condition.

"Yesterday, the situation was grim with over 29 patients in a critical state. Today, their numbers have come down to eight. We are trying our best," a doctor told *Star of Mysore*.

(See DEATHS on page 9)

Fire incident: 140 girls vacate hostel

Vontikoppal Post-Matric Hostel has over 372 students against a sanctioned 200

District Minister G.T. Devegowda is seen visiting the hospital where the students have been admitted. Picture right shows a girl being led out of the hospital.

Mysuru, Dec.16 (PM&SR)- Over 140 students of the Vontikoppal Post-Matric Students and Public Hostel for Girls in city vacated the hostel last night after the fire incident that occurred at the Hostel.

Over 48 students were injured when a fire broke out at the Hostel building due to short circuit at the UPS Facility Room last night, sending shockwaves among students.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra, who visited the hostel, said that panic-stricken students were yet to come to terms with the fire incident.

Following the incident, over 140 students have so far vacated the hostel as their parents had come to take them home, fearing for their safety.

(See HOSTEL on page 9)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
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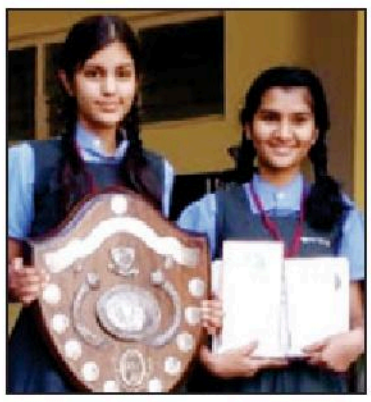
Calendar release on Dec.23

Mysuru, Dec.16- The year 2019 calendar, brought out by Mysuru and Chamarajanagar District Revenue Department Employees Housing Co-operative Society, will be released at a function to take place at 12 noon on Dec.23 at the Society premises located in the Deputy Commissioner's office.

Also, the members of the Society who have paid advance for sites, are asked to remit the full amount towards the cost of the site latest by Dec.31, for inclusion in the seniority list, according to a press release. For details, contact Mob: 90368-59947.

Bag Rolling Shield in Essay



Mysuru, Dec.16- Budding writers of Kautilya Vidyalaya have bagged the rolling shield in the High School category at the Inter-School Essay Writing Competition conducted by Marimallappa High School recently.

Poorvika Praveen Kumar of Grade X bagged first place in English essay while R. Inchara of Grade X won third place in Kannada essay.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Austrian researchers found microplastics in the stool samples of individuals from 8 rich countries. Asian guts could be worse. Human propensity to destroy our planet extends into the air we breathe and now quite literally requires a global gut check. A National Geographic series titled 'Plastic or Planet' highlights the following facts: 18 Billion pounds of plastic waste flows into the oceans every year from coastal regions, which is the equivalent of five grocery bags of plastic trash sitting on every foot of coastline.

40% of plastic produced is packaging, used just once and discarded.

50% of the world's plastic is made in Asia; with 29% being made in China and 21% in the rest of Asia.

Less than 20% of all plastic is recycled globally. Plastic recycling rates are highest in Europe at 30% while China's rate is 25%, in the US it is 9%.

About 8% of the world's oil production is used to make plastic, and power the manufacturing of it, and this figure is projected to rise by 20% by 2050.

For decades, richer countries have disposed their plastic waste in poorer developing countries. Plastic waste has destroyed coastal and marine life, infiltrated our food and water sources, and now resides in our guts.

—Anilla Cherian in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

An orchestra of blind women

Cairo: Al Nour Wal Amal orchestra is one of the world's most remarkable musical ensembles which consists of around 48 blind women from Cairo who have to rely solely on their memory when performing complicated compositions by classic composers like Mozart, Brahms, Strauss or Tchaikovsky.

These women have to train their memory in order to be able to store up to 45 composition pieces in their heads, to be able to perform a concert, all while keeping in sync with the other members during a performance.

Founded in 1954, the Al Nour wal Amal Association became the first non-governmental association in the Middle East to help visually impaired girls and women. To this day, it provides them with care, education, vocational training, job opportunities and works to ease their integration into society.

The bottle cap alley

Texas: Bottle Cap Alley, which is paved with hundreds of thousands of beer and soda bottle caps located at the north edge of the Texas A&M University campus, in College Station Texas, has become a tourist attraction.

No one knows exactly how the tradition of paving the 50-meter-long by 2-meters-across alley with metal caps began, but seeing as it is located between the iconic Dry Bean pub and the Dixie Chicken restaurant, some people believe that it started out as a dumping site for the two establishments.

Patrons who took their drinks outside followed their example, and as word of the Bottle Cap Alley spread, other local bars started bringing in their nightly haul of bottle caps here as well. It is estimated that the tradition goes back four decades.

Bottle Cap Alley was officially recognized as a local attraction in the early 2000s, when local authorities recognized its potential as a place of interest for tourists. They installed a large sign over it, added lights so it could be visited at night.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What's a good natural remedy for sinus congestion?

Try saline nasal irrigation. Add 1/4 tsp of sea salt to a mug of slightly warm water. Standing over a sink, inhale the water into both nostrils and allow it to drain from your nose and mouth into the sink. Rinse morning and night. Saline rinses are a simple, effective method of relieving sinus symptoms.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Foundation Day of Archives Department

Expo of historical records from tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 16- A two-day exhibition of historical records and rare photographs, organised as part of the Foundation Day celebrations of Karnataka State Archives Department, will held on Dec.17 and 18 at the premises of Sri Nataraja First Grade College for Women in city.

The programme has been jointly organised by the Mysuru Division of Karnataka State Archives Department and the Department of History, Sri Nataraja First Grade College for Women.

Dr. Jayamala, Minister for Women and Child Welfare, Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens and Kannada & Culture, will inaugurate the programme on Dec.17 at 10 am. Sri Nataraja Pratishtana President Sri Chidananda Swamiji will grace the occasion.

District Minister G.T. Devegowda will be the guest of honour. Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh will be the chief guest. MLA S.A. Ramdas will preside. Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, ZP President Nayeema Sulthana, MPs Pratap Simha, R. Dhruvanarayan & L.R. Shivaramegowda and others will be the guests.

70th birthday celebrations of Vatal Swamiji on Dec.24

Mysuru, Dec.16- The 70th birthday celebrations of Vatal Surya Simhasana Mutt's Seer Dr. Siddalinga Shivacharya Swamiji will be held on Dec.24 at 9 am at the Mutt premises in T. Narasipur taluk. A large procession of folk troupes carrying the Seer on a flower-decorated sarot followed with *mangala vadya, nandi kamba, kombu kahale,* bhajan mela and other folk artistes will be taken out on the main streets of Vatal village on the same day.

A felicitation programme is organised after the procession.

Prasadam will be distributed to the devotees from morning till evening, according to a press release from Chunchanahalli and Navilur Mutt Seer Sri Channabasava Swamiji.

Really...?

- ***1453 saw the first ever book published: The Gutenberg Bible. It was printed by the inventor of the printing press, Johannes Gutenberg.***
- ***Longest novel ever written is Remembrance of Things Past by Marcel Proust, containing an estimated 9,609,000 characters.***
- ***Nevada, Texas, and Mississippi have the highest ratio of customers to bookstores in the United States.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

PE teacher *"Look at me, I exercise every day and I can lift three hundred pounds."*
"That's nothing, sir," ***shouted a boy.*** *"I know a woman who can lift five hundred pounds."*
"Good gracious, who's that?"
gasped the teacher.
"A cashier at the bank, sir!"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs.71.92
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 90.53
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.58
1 Euro	= Rs. 81.34

VOICE OF THE READER

Widening of NH-275: Learn from Black Forest Autobahns

Sir,

While the pros of widening NH-275 and newer Railway lines across the Western Ghat are known only to NHAI and Indian Railways (and probably to the interested politicians and contractors), the cons are known to every citizen of West Coast, Kodagu, Malenadu and people depending on the waters of Cauvery, Krishna and Godavari rivers, and innumerable rivers flowing towards the Arabian Sea (that is, in effect the entire population of South India). In other words, the ecological damage in terms of shortage of rainfall and climate change by building more roads or newer Railway lines will be catastrophic.

And yet NHAI is bent upon going ahead with the project spending thousands of crores of rupees. Why don't they learn from autobahns around Black Forest in Germany? *(See photo)*.

It is a thickly forested mountain range roughly 60 kms in width and 160 kms in length. The super-highways run along the edges of the forest with only narrow roads to the various touristic spots within the forest.

As against the dimension of Black Forest which is small, the Western Ghat has a length of 1,600 kms and an average width of 100 kms. There is thick population not only on both sides of the Ghat but also a fair amount of population on the Ghat area itself. Therefore some roads and Railway lines are inevitable.

All ecologists and right-minded people believe that we have sufficient number of main roads and Railway lines across the Western Ghat. And most importantly, the width of the existing roads is good enough for the traffic density and there is hardly any gain in travel time by widening the road.

I am probably wasting my breath in giving the example of Black Forest of Germany because next thing one may hear of an official delegation of Ministers, politicians and road experts of NHAI making an on the spot study-tour of Germany and come back to the original decision to widen NH-275 ! So, Kodavas and Mysuruvasis should be prepared for drying up of *Namma Cauvery.*

—U.B. Acharya
Jayalakshmipuram
13.12.2018

Automated turnstile gates installed at MRC

City Police Chief Dr. A.S. Rao to inaugurate on Dec.17

Mysuru, Dec.16- The Mysore Race Club (MRC) Limited has installed automated Turnstile Gates at four entry points of the Club to regulate the visitors.

City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subramanyeswara Rao will inaugurate the turnstile gates tomorrow (Dec.17) at 12.15 pm.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* over phone, Club Secretary K.G. Ananthraj Urs said that the new gates are installed at main entrance gate, paddock, car parking and ticket counter side to check the entry of unauthorised visitors.

Earlier, lot of people were entering the Club without taking any tickets. The installation of the automated turnstile gates not only prevents the entry of unauthorised visitors but also helps the management of the MRC to get clear picture of the number of visitors to the Club.

The installation will definitely boost revenue and gate collection of the Club, he said.

Bar code tickets will be issued to visitors which will be scanned before the visitors gain entry into the Club, he said and added that at present the MRC is registering 2,700 to 3,500 visitors during all racing days.

The MRC has also installed the CCTV cameras to keep tab on the activities of the visitors, as a security measure.

Royal College, Edinburgh CME at Mysuru

Dr. G. Vijayaraghavan, Regional Advisor, RCPE, who was felicitated, is seen with Dr. M. Suresh Babu, Dr. C.D. Srinivasa Murthy, Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, Dr. B. Suresh, Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Dr. Vijay Vishvanathan, Dr. Col. M. Dayanand and Dr. M. Lakshme Gowda.

Mysuru, Dec.16- Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh (RCPE), in association with JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSSAHER), conducted a Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme at Mysuru recently.

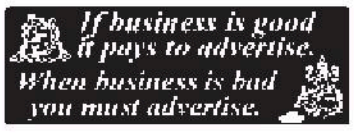
Inaugurating the programme, by Dr. B. Suresh, Vice-Chancellor, JSSAHER, said health care is changing rapidly and it is critical for Physicians to develop leadership skills to help guide this change to be a successful doctor whether it be in a community or academic setting. To meet this need well-designed and well-evaluated leadership curricula is necessary which needs to be integrated into the Physicians' medical curriculum of Under-Graduate and Continuing Medical Education.

An analysis should be conducted at different hierarchical levels and with all those involved in day-to-day clinical practice to find out the type of leadership skills a Physician needs, he said.

An ideal environment for laying the foundation for leadership competencies such as system thinking training, team collaboration, communication skills, quality improvement and insurance systems needs to be provided, he added.

Padmashri awardee Dr. G. Vijayaraghavan, Regional Advisor, RCPE and Director, KIMS, Trivandrum, was felicitated on the occasion. Earlier in his welcome address, Dr. M. Suresh Babu, Deputy Director & Professor of Medicine, JSS Hospital and a Fellow of RCPE, briefed on the plans of JSSAHER to establish an international live web-streaming centre in the Medical College in association with RCPE for web-streaming of academic events held in the Royal College of Edinburgh.

Dr. Vijay Vishwanathan, Head & Chief Diabetologist, MV Diabetic Centre, Chennai, Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, Founder, SVYM, Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Principal, JSSMC, Dr. (Col.) M. Dayananda, Director, JSS Hospital, Dr. C.D. Sreenivas Murthy, Chairman, MPMRT, Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem and Dr. M. Lakshme Gowda were present on the occasion.



the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
By Stan Lee
GONNA BE-A FEW MINUTES-BEFORE I CAN USE THIS HAND AGAIN.
YOU BROUGHT IT ON YOURSELF.
MAYBE I SHOULD FIND OUT WHO YOU REALLY ARE...
WAIT! MY SPIDER-SENSE-IT'S WARNING ME-
"-THE MAN WE'RE BOTH HERE ABOUT-IS IN DANGER!"
WOO'S SEDATED!
THAT'LL MAKE IT EASY TO ADMINISTER THE POISON.
STAN LEE
LARRY LIEBER
6-19
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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption on Dec.17, 18

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Dec.17 between 10 and 6 pm in the following areas: Pattana, Edathore, Bhyrapura, Kiragasuru, Gargeshwari, Hosakote, Muguru, Vatalu, Kotthegala, Alagudu, Kurahatti, Madapura, Hemmige, T. Doddapura, Kaliyuru, MC Halli, Benkanahalli, Doddebagilu, Kolathur, Mutthalawadi, Somanathpura, Sosale and areas coming under Ukkalagere Gram Panchayat limits; On Dec.18 between 10 and 2 pm: Talakad, B. Shettahalli, Banave, Doddapura, Hemmige and areas coming under Karavatti Gram Panchayat limits, according to a press release from the CESC.

Lecture of National Mathematics Day

Commemorating National Mathematics Day, the Department of Mathematics, University of Mysore (UoM), has organised a Special Lecture at Seminar Hall, Department of Mathematics, Manasagangothri, on Dec.22 at 10.30 am. Prof. S. Bhargava, retired Professor and Chairman of DoS in Mathematics, will deliver the lecture. Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of UoM, will preside.

Free Pulmonary camp on Thursday

The Department of Pulmonology, Cauvery Heart and Multi-Speciality Hospital, Mysuru, has organised a free Pulmonary Function Test (PFT) for Asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) patients on every Thursdays at the following two venues: Cauvery Heart & Multi-Speciality Hospital, Siddarthanagar, from 10 am to 1 pm and Medcure Diagnostics in Agrahara from 2 pm to 4 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2472424, according to a press release.

Obituary

Juliana D'Souza

Mysuru, Dec.16- Juliana D'Souza (73), a retired teacher of Good Sphered Kannada Medium Higher Primary School and a resident of N.R. Mohalla, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind her husband Cyirl Fernandes, sons Naveen, Fr. Sunil, Nandan & Sudeep, daughter Supriya and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral Mass was held at the Catholic Cemetery this morning.

Late arrival saves life of many devotees

Mysuru, Dec.16 (MTY&DM)- In an interesting note, the life of many devotees were saved as they arrived late at Maramma temple on Friday, by which time the 'poisoned prasadam' had ran out. These devotees, who heaved a sigh of relief after learning that many of their fellow devotees had died or taken ill after coming the 'prasadam' distributed at Kichguttu Maramma Temple, Sulwadi in Hanur taluk of Chamarajanagar district, believe that the deity had indeed saved them from the jaws of death. However, those who fell sick after consuming the allegedly poisoned prasadam have their own stories to tell. While some are regretting for consuming the prasadam, some others are cussing their misfortune.

Goplan

Goplan, of Vadakehalli, who was one among those devotees who arrived late at the temple, told *'SOM'* that 'Omshakti' devotees had set out in two buses to Tamil Nadu and traditionally the journey begins with the performance of puja at Sulwadi's Maramma Temple. The first of the two buses reached Sulwadi at 9.30 am, while the second bus in which he was travelling arrived at Sulwadi at 10.30 am, by which time the 'prasadam' had run out.

At first they were disappointed that they could not get 'prasadam. But as news spread thick and fast a few hour later many devotees had fallen sick they heaved a sigh of relief, believing that Goddess Maramma had saved their lives by delaying their arrival at the temple.

Revamma

Another devotee Revamma, a resident of Tammadageri in MM Hills said that she along with her family members had taken part in the *guddali puja* ritual for *Gopura* installation at Sulwadi Maramma Temple. Her family had made it a practice to visit the temple once in three months.

On Friday, she along with some other devotees consumed Jaggery Rice (Bellada Anna) offered at the temple. Later the temple authorities began distributing Tomato Bath (rice bath). After consuming two spoonfuls of tomato bath her children, who complained about foul smell emanating from the food, asked her not to have it and accordingly she did not consume the bath. Later, they left for home and after sometime, he mother, two children and her sister in-law, who had consumed the prasadam, started vomiting. Even as she was left in shock by the sudden turn of events, the local authorities announced the death of a person and also the death of some birds. Soon, all those who had consumed prasadam rushed to a nearby hospital, Revamma explained.

Sarasamma

Another victim Sarasamma of M.G. Doddi who is undergoing treatment at K.R. Hospital in the city said that 29 devotees of her village went to Sulwadi Temple and had rice bath prasadam. Although they initially felt that something was wrong in the prasadam, they consumed it for sake of devotion. Soon after returning home, they took ill and were rushed in a tempo to a nearby hospital from where they were shifted to K.R. Hospital, she said.

Raju of Doddinduwadi said he along with his family members visited the temple and had prasadam. Although they experienced some sort of a stinking smell emanating from rice bath, they thought it was that of the paper plate and consumed the prasadam without having a second thought. Now, four of his family members are being treated in the hospital, Raju said adding that many others in his village too are undergoing treatment at different hospitals in the city.

Raju

Meanwhile, the kith and kin of the victims who are undergoing treatment at K.R. Hospital and other city hospitals were seen cursing their fate and wondering about their future. Minor Irrigation Minister C.S. Puttaraju who is camping in the city for the past two days, is overseeing the treatment and addressing the woes of the family members of the victims. Meanwhile, the condition of 29 out of over 80 victims who are undergoing treatment at eight hospitals in city is said to be critical. These 29 victims are being treated in ICU and put on ventilator support, according to DHO Dr. B. Basavaraj.

Speaking to *SOM*, Dr. Basavaraj said that after examining the patients at K.R. Hospital, was found that they suffered from symptoms that are generally found in patients who have consumed poison. As such, we provided them medicines that are generally administered to patients who have consumed pesticides and most of the victims have been responding to our treatment. As the poison may have entered the nerves, it takes sometime for the patients to come out of danger and as such, they will be kept under close medical supervision for 10 more days, he said.

Continuing, he said that 10 child victims have been admitted at Cheluvamba Hospital and nine out of them are being treated in the ICU, while one is kept on ventilator support. However, all of them are now out of danger and are recovering, he said.

Pointing out that as the victims were rushed to city hospitals, we sought the help of private doctors, who responded and got engaged in treating the victims, As the condition of some victims was serious, they were treated at private hospitals having modern facility, which helped in saving the life of many, he added.

People continue to throng closed temple

Chamarajanagar, Dec. 16- Following the poisoning incident, the Police locked the temple yesterday. However, a large number of people from neighbouring villages have been visiting the temple yesterday even though it was closed.

The temple was locked for the first time in its history. Pujas and rituals were being performed at the temple every day, with hundreds of devotees visiting the locally famous temple. But the temple was indefinitely closed on Saturday, with entire Sulwadi village mourning the death of victims.

The temple has a history of over six centuries and the presiding deity Maramma is considered divine and powerful. Initially, villagers used to worship a stone under a tree as Maramma. Four decades ago, a temple was constructed. Now, the temple is popular among devotees from Tamil Nadu and people from neighbouring villages. For the past three years, the villagers have been organising Jathra Mahotsava.

Over the years, rise in the flow of devotees and donations seems to have resulted in vested interests taking over the administration of the temple. The temple allowing one family and some trustees to build a *Gopura* and provide basic facilities has angered another group which was against this move.

The rival group eyed rich resources and was against the construction of *Gopura*. This issue might have led to hatred against each other that resulted in the poisoning incident.

Meanwhile, Puttaswamy one of the temple cooks who is undergoing treatment at K.R. Hospital, dismissed allegations of his probable involvement in prasadam poisoning. Asserting that he would never poison prasadam in his life, Puttaswamy defended himself saying that he would not have allowed his daughter to have prasadam, if he himself had poisoned it.

Muzrai Minister Rajashekhar Patil has said that Sulwadi Maramma Temple does not come under Muzrai Department. Speaking to press persons after visiting K.R. Hospital, he said that this was the first time that such an incident has occurred in the State.

Following the tragic incident, the Muzarai Department officials have been asked to take appropriate measures at temples where *Anna Santarpane* (mass feeding) takes place. Reiterating that Kichugutti Maramma temple does not come under the purview of Muzarai Department, Patil said that such tragic incidents must not occur anywhere in the world.

Prasadam poisoning: Probe picks up pace

Chamarajanagar, Dec 16 (UNI)- Ramapura Police, who took Kichugutti Maramma Temple Priest Murugesh into custody for questioning along with two more suspects, have began the investigation into the suspected food poisoning incident at Sulwadi Temple. Police said Chinnappi and Madesha were picked up yesterday morning. The trio are being grilled at an unknown place.

Chamarajanagar Superintendent of Police Dharmendra Kumar Meena said that a case of culpable homicide not amounting to murder had been registered against unknown miscreants. "We have launched a probe," Meena said. The Police are also questioning temple committee representatives and villagers.

Kollegal Deputy Superintendent of Police Puttamadaiah, who is heading three investigation teams constituted to probe the incident, said that they were quizzing many people, and that it was too early to state anything conclusively since cops were awaiting reports.

Meanwhile, investigations into the incident have been hampered as all the five CCTV cameras inside the temple are defunct and there is no technical evidence.

A camera focusing on the kitchen where the tomato bath that was served as prasadam to the devotees was prepared is also dysfunctional.

Minister in-charge of Chamarajanagar district Puttaranga Shetty said the Police have taken some people into custody and questioning.

"I am told they were suspecting more people behind the incident. Nothing can be revealed at this stage since the investigation is on," he said.

Chamarajanagar District Health Officer (DHO) said that a large quantity of toxin has gone into the food that was served to devotees. He made the observation after analysing poisoning symptoms of the victims. He also said that food samples have been sent for forensic tests and results would take at least two to three days since the toxin was mixed with food.

Santhosh and Lokesh, sons of Maartalli GP Member Chinnappi, suspect that those who wanted to wrest control of the 200-year-old temple are behind the "sabotage". Their father has been the caretaker of the temple for the last two decades.

They, however, are clueless about the miscreants. Santhosh alleged that Police are suspecting his father because he had food at home on the day devotees were poisoned.

Chamundi temple priests, staff withdraw protest

Mysuru, Dec.16 (SBD&SR)- The agitating Chamundi Temple Priests and staff atop Chamundi Hill have withdrawn their protest yesterday, following assurance from State Muzarai Minister Rajashekhar Patil to fulfil their demands.

Over 250 priests, permanent and temporary employees of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple and other temples atop Chamundi Hill, 18 Palace Temples and Tripurasundari Jwalamukhi Temple at Uthanahalli were protesting since last Friday in support of their various demands.

The employees and priests manage services at over 23 temples were protesting pressing the government to fulfil various demands including the implementation of Sixth Pay Commission recommendations, additional Dearness Allowance, regularisation of their services, bonus, compensatory jobs, medical facilities besides to release salary through Kaveri Grammena Bank branch atop Chamundi Hill and other demands.

As the staff continued their indefinite strike, MLAs S. A. Ramdas, L. Nagendra, MCDCC Bank President G.D. Harishgowda and others visited the spot yesterday and convinced the agitators in withdrawing their protest.

MLA Ramdas had telephoned Muzarai Minister Rajashekhar Patil on the spot and arranged talk with Srinivas who is the President of Chamundeshwari, other Temples Priests and Staff Federation.

He said that the Minister had promised to fulfil most of their demands after holding with meeting in city on Dec. 24 with concerned officials and local MLAs.

Chamundeshwari and other Temples Executive Officer Prasad too visited the spot and announced to release the bonus for the year as he had received the directions from State Muzarai Department Commissioner to do so.

Meanwhile, The Chamundeshwari Temple Priests and staff have threatened to resume their strike from Jan.1 if their demands are not met within the set deadline.

Govt likely to monitor mass distribution of food at temples

Bengaluru, Dec. 16 (UNI)- The Hanur temple tragedy has brought to the fore lack of quality checks being done during mass distribution of food at temples, which are neither under the control of the government nor established temple managements.

The Kichugutti Maramma temple incident is attributed to personal rivalry between two sets of temple managements running Maramma temples in Chamarajanagar and in Baragur, Tamil Nadu.

"Bringing these temples under the government is not viable as it will cost the exchequer heavily. However, there is a proposal under consideration to keep a check on the quality of prasadam at these unorganised temples across the State," said a government official.

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy is said to have alerted his office about the need to monitor food distribution system where temple authorities do not have resources to do so. "He said the proposal to have a quality check on food distribution in such temples is being examined," he said.

Muzrai Minister Rajashekar Patil reiterated that Maramma temple is not under their control and the department cannot interfere in the matter. Asked whether the department does routine checks at its temples, he said a circular will be issued. "I will instruct the temple authorities to do quality checks," he said.

Forest officials struggle to drive wild elephant back to woods

Hunsur, Dec. 16 (Mahesh& SR)- A team of Forest officials have camped along with tamed elephants near Konanahosalli since yesterday to drive a wild elephant that had strayed out of forest back to the woods.

About three elephants had strayed out of Nagarahole Forest after jumping over railway barricades on Thursday night and they were spotted in the outskirts of Konanahosahalli village.

On receiving information, the forest officials attached to Veeranahosalli and Hunsur Forest Range had camped along with tamed elephants Balarama and Ganesha. Though they were successful in driving two wild elephants back to the forest through Kolavige Ramalingeshwara Temple Gate with the help of local villagers, the other elephant was roaming freely leading to tension among the officials of the Forest Department and villagers.

Assistant Conservator of Forest Prasanna Kumar said that the forest officials continued their efforts to drive the other elephant back to its place.

Hinkal Flyover inauguration postponed to Dec. 23

Mysuru, Dec.16 (RK &SR)- The inauguration of newly constructed Hinkal Flyover is yet again postponed to Dec.23. Earlier, it was scheduled to be inaugurate today.

However, sources in the Office of MP Pratap Simha confirmed that the inauguration had been postponed due to the non-availability of District Minister as he was engaged in other activities.

It was publicised that the Union Minister of Urban Development and Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy were expected to inaugurate the flyover. As the dates of them were not confirmed despite repeated pleas, the MP and the District Minister had decided to inaugurate the flyover and had announced the date of inauguration as Dec.16.

This is for the second time the flyover inauguration is being postponed for various reasons.

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Interview of the Week...

India, Pak closest neighbours, there can be so much give 'n' take

Says A.S. Dulat, former Chief of Research and Analysis Wing

Spy thrillers are always great to read and watch as they are fictional. However, real life world of spies is different and it is said, very lonely. Former chief of Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) Amarjit Singh Dulat (A.S. Dulat), was in Mysuru recently to participate in the Second Mysuru Literature Festival where his two books 'Kashmir: The Vajpayee Years' and 'The Spy Chronicles' were discussed during the session 'Where the mind is without fear.'

***Star of Mysore* Features Editor N. Niranjan Nikam caught up with 78-year-old Dulat, and in a frank, open tête-à-tête, he spoke about his stint in Intelligence Bureau, as R&AW Chief, his role in Kashmir and the reasons for writing books when most other bureaucrats prefer not to tread this path.** *Excerpts.* — Editor

By N. Niranjan Nikam

Star of Mysore (SOM): Tell us what Intelligence Bureau is all about as you were Special Director of IB.

A.S. Dulat: Intelligence Bureau is an old organisation. It was started by William Bentinck and William Henry Sleeman in 1835 called the 'Thuggee and Dacoity Department.' Sleeman was later promoted as its commissioner in 1839 and this later became the Intelligence Bureau. It is about 130 years old now. It is a great organisation, very professional and it is India's premier intelligence agency.

SOM: The R&AW of which you were the Chief has completed 50 years. This is the Foreign Intelligence of India. Is it like FBI, KGB, Mossad or MI?

Dulat: I was an accidental chief. Yes, it is like the other foreign intelligence agencies. The KGB doesn't exist as now it is Russian Intelligence Agency. R&AW is like MI 6, Mossad and FBI which deal with intelligence from the borders and abroad.

SOM: Though your job looks like you have been donning the role of James Bond, is it as glamorous as it sounds?

Dulat: Not at all. In fact, the life of all intelligence officers particularly in the field can be quite lonely because you are not supposed to say what you are supposed to say. I still remember the day when I joined the IB what the chief said: Look, never brag about where you are working. But if anybody asks you where you work, there is no need to lie. But at the same time don't volunteer anything. That is the crux of intelligence. And the next chief said something even more remarkable: 'Cat has nine lives. In the IB remember you have only one life.' It is because we can't afford to make mistakes.

SOM: Most of the people in intelligence or bureaucracy prefer not to write about their years in service. You are one of the few exceptions. What prompted you to write Kashmir: The Vajpayee Years?

Dulat: I have been dealing with Kashmir for a long time. It is all stuck inside my head. You know I left Government in 2004 when the Government changed. A lot of publishers asked me to write about my stint in the intelligence wing. I told them I can't talk about it. It is only ten years later in 2013 or so when I thought maybe now enough time has passed and I could now get this whole thing out of my head. There was this friend in journalism Aditya Sinha who helped me put the book together.

SOM: Going back to James Bond, you have written 'The Spy Chronicles: RAW, ISI and the Illusion of Peace' that too with Pakistani spy Asad Durrani. How did it happen?

Dulat: Did I tell you that life of an intelligence officer in India as anywhere in the world is lonely. If you want to connect it to fiction, it is much closer to John Le Carre, the spy thriller writer than it is to Ian Fleming, creator of James Bond. If you remember Le Carre is also fiction.

SOM: But you wrote this book with Lieutenant General (Retd) Mohammad Asad Durrani of Pakistan's ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence). How did this happen?

Dulat: Actually General Durrani and I met a number of times during India-Pakistan track 2 meetings. So we used to talk about a lot of things and a certain sort of chemistry developed. We understood each other. A mutual respect also developed. And seeing our friendship some people prompted us, since you feel so comfortable in each other's company, why don't you write a book? So the first time it was suggested, I remember, it was a meeting in Istanbul. I looked at him and the General laughed.

SOM: Who addressed this question?

Dulat: Whoever, somebody there. The General also laughed and said to me, even if we write fiction nobody will believe us. Subsequently, somebody prodded us to write. So we wrote two articles. One was published simultaneously in India and Pakistan — in the Dawn there and The Hindu here, it was on 'Intelligence Cooperation.'

The second paper never got published. It still exists on the University of Ottawa website, it was on Kashmir.

And then this book on the Vajpayee Years came out and I asked the General how it was received in Pakistan. He said actually it was received quite well. So I think he liked the book, something, somewhere must have impressed him. Then I think he thought about the whole thing again and said if we can let us do a book together.

SOM: What has happened to General Durrani now? Has he been jailed for violating Pakistani Military code of conduct by writing the book?

Dulat: No, no question of jailing or anything. Unfortunately, neither of us expected the adverse reaction in both countries. There they said, how dare you write a book with R&AW and here similarly people said, how can you write a book with the ISI with whom we are not even talking. They have been very unfair to Durrani. He is on ECM-Exit Control List now, which means he cannot leave the country.

SOM: You are still in touch with him?

Dulat: All I can say is, 'He is in good spirits.' He is quite confident he will get out of this very soon.

SOM: Both the books you have written have drawn lot of media criticism. How do you feel about it?

Dulat: Actually, I saw very little criticism of the first book, in fact, most of the reviews on 'The Vajpayee Years' were very flattering. And if you look at 'The Spy Chronicles' you will see in the first two pages, so many nice things have been said by so many people. So, I don't recall any criticism of the first book except as somebody said, 'You could be charged under the Official Secrets Act.'

The second book, yes, people have said, why should the former R&AW chief be so friendly with an ISI guy? The book is written in good faith without any malafide intent. It was written with a positive outlook with the hope that somebody, somewhere realise the need for India and Pakistan to come closer and that too talk peace.

If you read the book, you will find there is a lot of positivity in it, very little which is negative. Many people on our side refer to the General and say that he is a hawk. But when you read the book you will find that he has conceded a lot. He has compromised a lot. There is nothing hawkish about what Gen. Durrani has said. He has conceded things.

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'Brahmins deserve linguistic & religious minority status'

Mysuru, Dec.16 (SPN, RKB & US)- "If Hindu religion is disliked by other communities, the religion can be earmarked only for Brahmins who can be accorded the linguistic and religious minority status," opined KSOU Deputy Registrar and Scholar Dr. Shelvapillai Iyengar.

He was speaking after inaugurating the 'Yuva Goshti' organised as part of the District Brahmin Convention at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama on Nanjangud Road here yesterday. Dr. Shelvapillai Iyengar recalled that Brahmins during yesteryears were focussing on study of Vedas and Agama Shastra but over the years, they along with students of other communities stepped into modern education.

He hence urged the Government to view Brahmin students on par with other students for according benefits.

He observed that a few of the Brahmin community engaged in small jobs were in deep financial trouble who need a good support from the Government.

Follow footsteps of elders: Inaugurating the 'Vidwat Goshti' at the Convention, senior scholar Dr. T.V. Venkatachala Shastri asked the Brahmin youth to follow the footsteps of their elders.

He opined that the achievements of elders should be properly documented. He said that the rapid progress in technology should not obscure culture and tradition. Scholars Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao, Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj and others spoke on spiritual subjects.

Brahmin Development Authority to be constituted in a month: "The Government will constitute Brahmin Development Authority in a month for which the basic preparations have been already done," said KPCC President Dinesh Gundu Rao speaking at the Convention yesterday.

Dinesh Gundu Rao said that the Government was contemplating to provide financial assistance, subsidy and loan to Brahmins. He hailed the Convention as it would provide a platform to discuss the problems and challenges plaguing the community and society so as to arrive at a decision.

He opined that in democracy, it was inevitable to fight for rights and development. He contended that a minority group to survive and get along with the system is a big challenge and constitutionally unavoidable.

Continuing, Dinesh Gundu Rao said that Brahmins were in the forefront in all parties, quipping that he is a Congress Brahmin while S.A. Ramdas is a BJP Brahmin which sent a wave of laughter among the audience.

He asserted that Brahmin community is strong enough to bring in changes in society with good leadership skills and tactful steps.

KSOU Deputy Registrar and Scholar Dr. Shelvapillai Iyengar addressing the gathering during the 'Yuva Goshti' organised as part of the District Brahmin Convention at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama on Nanjangud Road in city yesterday.

Devotees seen at the District Brahmin Convention in Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama premises.

Vaikunta Ekadasi Special Darshan on Dec.18

Mysuru, Dec.16- On Vaikunta Ekadasi Day every year, a large number of devotees visit Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple in Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama premises on Ooty Road in Datta Nagar,

During this year, Vaikunta Ekadasi will be celebrated on Dec.18 (Tuesday). On this occasion, Uttara Dwara (North Entrance) of the Temple will be kept open for the devotees to enter the temple.

The temple timings on the day of Vaikunta Ekadasi will be from 5 am to 2.30 pm and 3.30 pm to 10 pm.

India, Pak closest neighbours

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SOM: What has he conceded?

Dulat: On Kashmir. He says Pak made mistakes in Kashmir and he has given some specific instances about the mistakes they made and at the end of it he says let us forget about Azadi. Let us hope Kashmir gets peace and becomes a bridge between India and Pakistan. What more can a Pakistani say? And when he says Azadi, he is almost conceding it.

SOM: Does it mean there is a lot of give and take among the spies still keeping their national interest intact?

Dulat: There can be give and take. That is exactly my point. There isn't so much give and take because we don't meet enough. It happens and it may not happen for ten years. So it needs to be institutionalised. We are the closest neighbours and there can be so much give and take.

SOM: Do all the agencies — CBI, IB and R&AW work together or at cross purposes?

Dulat: Definitely we work together. But you know, inevitably and this is a worldwide phenomenon -- there are jealousies, there are rivalries but the interesting thing here is whenever there is a problem, a crisis, everybody gets together.

I have dealt a lot in Kashmir where for instance everyone was always working together. There were about seven to eight agencies. I am not talking about CBI there. The IB, R&AW, J&K Police, the Paramilitary, Military, everybody worked together.

SOM: But what is the situation now?

Dulat: Not very good, not very good. You know a former MI 5 Chief, if I remember her name correctly Eliza Manningham Buller who said surprisingly after 9/11 and this was the message she conveyed to the Americans that they needed to talk to the Al Qaida and the message was, "The only way to deal with terrorism is through politics." Understand that and that is what we are not doing. And Kashmir is nothing if not a political issue. It is a political and emotive issue. We must understand that and we must never stop talking to the Kashmiris.

SOM: Are you going to be coming out with any more disclosures?

Dulat: (Laughs) I was asked this question in 2015 when the Vajpayee book came out. One of the first places I went to was Punjab University where I was educated and spent a lot of time there. There was a book launch. It was presided over by the present Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh. A lady journalist asked me what your next book is on. I said a spy thriller! So, instead of writing a spy thriller, I wrote a book with another spy master. So who knows there may still be a spy thriller?

Former J&K Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah has told a couple of times that this story he (Dulat) has written on Kashmir is only the tip of the iceberg. Tell him to tell the real story. So, I told him one day, Sir, I can tell the real story if you also tell me your real story, so we could combine and tell the real story. Obviously, there are things that we just don't talk about.

Colourful 'Shobha Yatre' taken out in city

Mysuru, Dec.16 (RKB&US)- Thousands of Brahmins of the district participated in the colourful 'Shobha Yatre' taken out in city this morning under the aegis of District Brahmana Sangha as part of the ongoing District Brahmin Convention.

The 'Shobha Yatre' commenced from Shankara Mutt in Agrahara and proceeded through M.G. Road, Ramanuja Road and Yelethota, before culminating at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama on Nanjangud Road here.

Leading the procession was a silver chariot carrying a portrait of 'Gayatri Matha.' The added attraction was a couple from Vidyaranyapuram, Satyanarayana and Lakshmi, dressed as Lord Vishnu and Goddess Lakshmi who were sitting in front of the portrait. The dignitaries showered flower petals on the portrait and also on the statues of Shankaracharya, Madhwacharya and Ramanujacharya carried in the procession.

A 'Vedagosha Prarayana' was conducted by scholar Dr. Shelvapillai Iyengar.

A puja was also performed to the 'Nandi Dwaja.' An array of folk troupes dressed in colourful attire performed various folk dances to the rhythmic beat of drums. Also in attendance was a 'Nadaswara' and a band set.

The participants of the procession wore traditional dresses in white carrying the saffron coloured flags with the inscription of '*OM*'.

Retired Chief Justice of High Court Kumar, MLC U.B. Venkatesh, Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha President Venkatanarayan, Vice-President Lakshmikanth, District Brahmana Sangha President D.T. Prakash, District Co-operative Union President H.V. Rajeev and others were present.

Mysore Varsity VC felicitated

University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, who was felicitated by Maharaja Education Trust at a programme organised at Sri Rajendra Kalamandira on Ramanuja Road in city this morning, is seen with other dignitaries. *[Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]*

Mysuru, Dec.16 (RKB& DM)- The newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore (UoM), Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar was felicitated by the city's Maharaja Education Trust at a programme organised at Sri Rajendra Kalamandira on Ramanuja Road in city this morning.

Delivering the felicitation address, former Kuvempu University Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda said that the University of Mysore has a long history of over 100 years.

Pointing to Kuvempu's message scripted under a small artwork in Crawford Hall premises which in Kannada reads *"Prashneyinda Ascharyakke: Ascharyadinda Prashnege...,"* he said that the message inspires one to learn more about the world.

Lauding Prof. Hemantha Kumar's contribution for the growth of the University, which he (Hemantha Kumar) has served as a faculty for decades, Prof. Chidananda Gowda wished Prof. Hemantha Kumar all success as the Vice-Chancellor.

Gulbarga University Vice-Chancellor Prof. S.R. Niranjana, who was the guest of honour, recalled working with Prof. Hemantha Kumar for over 20 years at Mysore University.

Stating that Mysore University has become a missionary that churns out Vice-Chancellors, he said that the Varsity has a special name in the country's academic scenario.

Observing that the University is one of the best learning centres in the country, Prof. Niranjana said that Prof. Hemantha Kumar had never thought that he would one day become the VC of the University which he had studied. He further said that Prof. Hemantha Kumar has the capacity and strength to take forward the University's rich legacy.

Sri Ramakrishna Asharama's Swami Shantivratanandaji graced the occasion.

Maharaja Education Trust President Dr. S. Murali, Founder-Secretary P. Vasudev, Shishuvihara Samsthe President Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar and others were present.

Terapanth Yuvak Parishad to hold blood donation camp on Dec.22

Mysuru, Dec.16- As part of its social service initiative, the city unit of Akhil Bharatiya Terapanth Yuvak Parishad will be conducting a blood donation camp at 5 centres across the city at 10 am on Dec.22.

The centres are Terapanth Bhavan on M.G. Road, Apollo Hospital on Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, Kamakshi Hospital, Saraswathipuram, Milk Dairy (KMF) on Bannur Road and Maharani's College for Women.

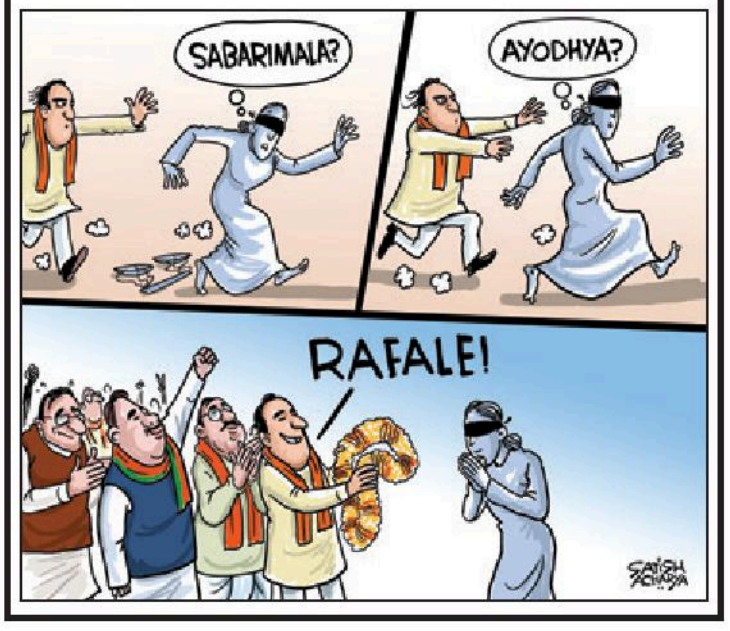
For details, contact Mob: 90367-73205.

Terapanth, a sect of Jainism, has 325 branches across the world with a membership strength of 80,000, most of them youths. It conducts many social programmes and hold awareness campaigns on a variety of issues for the welfare of the Society.

The Parishad became a Guinness Record holder in the category Largest Blood Donation (8 hours) in multiple locations on Sept.6, 2014. It also holds Guinness World Record for Largest Eye Health Screening Camp with the involvement of 6,694 participants, organised along with Acharya Tulsi Diagnostic Centre at BBMP Grounds in Bengaluru on Mar.12, 2013.

The Parishad has so far held over 700 camps across 300 cities, collecting over one lakh units of blood. The Parishad, working with a motto that each day is a blood donation day, has not rested after achieving Guinness Record and has continued to hold blood donation camps every year all over India. In Mysuru, the camp will be held on Dec.22 at 5 centres from 10 am to 5 pm and the public are appealed to take part in large numbers in this novel social initiative.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



13 deaths so far

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The State government has appointed special Nodal Officers to monitor the situation at hospitals. District Administration sources said that as the patients have been admitted to various hospitals in city, Nodal Officers have been appointed in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar. They have been directed to report the progress of patients on an hourly basis to the government.

This morning, Health Minister Shivananda Patil visited the K.R. Hospital and enquired about the health of the patients. He was accompanied by Chamarajanagar District Minister C. Puttaranga Shetty, Mysuru District Minister G.T. Devegowda, and BJP MLC Kota Sreenivasa Poojari, who is the opposition leader in the Legislative Council, Chamarajanagar MP R. Dhruvanarayan and Hanur

MLA R. Narendra.

During the VIP visit, MLA Narendra demanded that the State Government (Muzrai Department) must take over the Kichugutti Maramma Temple. "Divisions are deep in the temple with rival groups in temple management, priests and villagers. Each group wants to take over the temple management as there is a heavy flow of income from the devotees. Added to this, some vested interests from Tamil Nadu are claiming that the village comes under Tamil Nadu and the temple belongs to them," he explained.

Fire incident: 140 girls vacate hostel

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About two-dozen parents thronged the Hostel premises this morning to enquire the safety of their children after going through media reports of incident of this hostel. They too later asked their wards to vacate the Hostel.

The MLA said that he had received a lot of complaints from students about lack of safety and facilities to prevent such fire tragedies at the Hostel. Many students alleged that the Hostel management had accommodated excess students against the maximum capacity of the Hostel.

The total sanctioned student strength of the Hostel is 200 girls but the authorities had accommodated 372. Students are forced to share rooms along with other students, making the rooms congested. Yesterday, over 270 students were staying at the Hostel, he said.

Nagendra said that he discussed the issue with officials and they have promised to shift excess students to other hostels from the next academic year.

Mysuru District Minister G. T. Devegowda this morning enquired the health of students who have been admitted at Girls at Brindavan Hospital in Jayalakshmipuram. He was accompanied by various District Officials.

Speaking to reporters, the Minister announced that the government will fund the entire treatment cost. He said that the district will get ten more Post-Matric Students Hostels to meet the demands. The District Administration had written a letter to the government seeking more number of hostels and the government is expected to sanction the same shortly. He also directed the Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer to shift the excess students to other hostels.

Dr. Nikitha, who is supervising the treatment, told *Star of Mysore* that the students had developed vomiting and nausea and some of them were injured. They will be discharged by today evening or the next two days, she said.

Hostel warden falls unconscious in front of Minister

When Minister G.T. Devegowda was enquiring the health of students, the warden of Vontikoppal Post-Matric Students and Public Hostel for Girls, Kamakshamma fell unconscious causing tension at the private hospital for some time. The warden, who was visibly upset after the incident, had not eaten breakfast and fell unconscious in front of the Minister and other visitors. Later, Devegowda advised Kamakshamma to take rest and not to get tensed.

4 killed in boiler blast
at distillery unit in Bagalkot

Bagalkot, Dec. 16- Even as the State is yet to recover from the shock over the tragic incident in Chamarajanagar district a couple of days ago, in which atleast 13 people last their lives after consuming prasad at Maramma temple in Sulwadi village of Hannur Taluk, atleast four people were killed and five others injured in a boiler blast at the distillery unit attached to a sugar mill in Mudhol taluk of Bagalkot district this morning.

All the injured were rushed to a nearly hospital, where their condition is said to be serious.

The blast is learnt to have occurred when the safety valves of the boiler malfunctioned.

The intensity of the blast was such that the unit's structure came crumbling down within seconds and several workers are feared trapped under the debris.

Fire Personnel, Police and rescue teams rushed to the spot.

The sugar mill is said to be owned by former Minister and BJP MLA Murugesh Nirani.

BABU'S BANTER By M.V. Nagendra Babu

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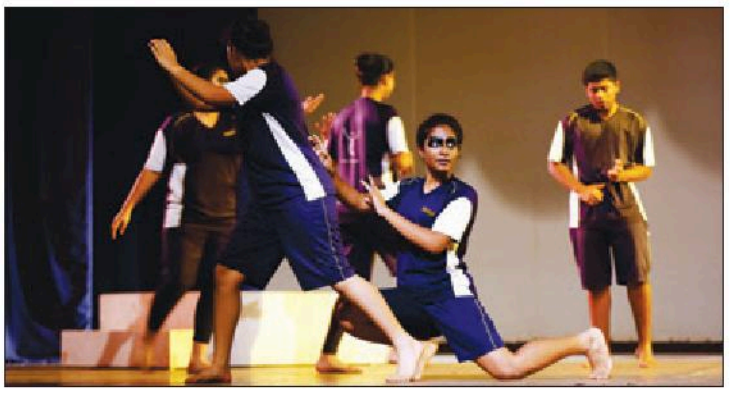
Chakkalaguli to stage 'Food Glorious Food' on Dec. 17,18



Picture shows costume rehearsal by 'Chakkalaguli.'

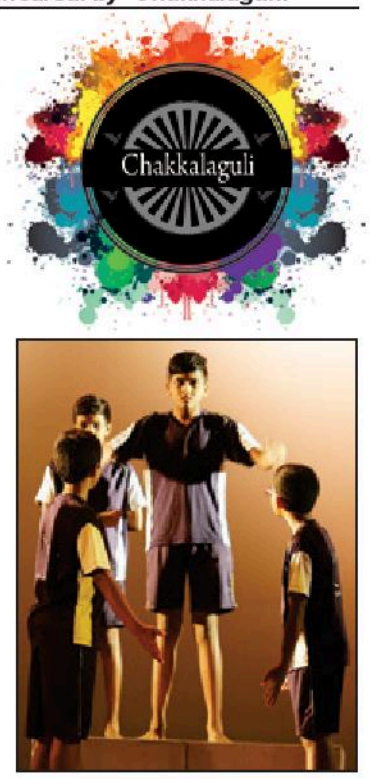
Mysuru, Dec.16- Children's Theatre Club 'Chakkalaguli,' supported by I Can The Learning Centre School, will present a contemporary musical show "Food Glorious Food" based on Charles Dickens critically-acclaimed novel *Oliver Twist* and inspired by 1968 classic *Oliver.*

The plot set in Victorian England charts the life story of a young orphan boy Oliver. The execution of the plot is mystical and unlike any done before or witnessed by the city's theatre aficionados. The presentation itself integrates two classic art forms — Mime and Kathak.

More than 200 students will take stage to drive home the message of "Child Rights & Child Safety."

'Chakkalaguli' is conducting two exclusive shows at Kalamandira in city on Dec.17 (5.30 pm) and Dec.18 (10.30 am).

The show on Dec.18 is exclusively for the student community of Mysuru and schools are encouraged to send their students to experience creativity and drama take wings and turn it into a magical experience.



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Maharajapuram Ramachandran to perform at Nadabrahma tomorrow

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha has organised a Karnatak vocal concert by **Maharajapuram S. Ramachandran** in memory of late C.R. Srinivasan, The Oriental Research Institute, Mysuru. The concert is on **Dec.17 at 6 pm.**

Ramachandran will be accompanied by **Surup Tatachar** on violin, **Tumkur B. Ravishakar** on mridanga and **S. Manjunath** on ghata.

Profile

Maharajapuram S. Ramachandran: Maharajapuram Ramachandran is the grandson of Maharajapuram Vishwanatha Iyer and son and senior disciple of celebrated musician Maharajapuram Santanam. He has successfully inherited his father's style whilst preserving his originality in presentation. Gifted with a reverberating voice and a good sahitya sense, he sustains a lively tempo throughout his concerts.

Ramachandran is a popular musician and has performed for almost all the prestigious Sabhas including The Madras Music Academy, Chennai. He is popular for singing the famous songs of his father Santanam like Unnai Allal (Kalyani), Padhame Gati, Varam Onru, Bho Shambho, Tunga Teera Virajam, Sri Chakra Raja Simhasaneshwari, Ksheerabdhi Kannike and many more.

Surup Tatachar: Surup is learning under the tutelage of Sri Nellai Ravindran in SIFAS, Singapore, since eight years. He is presently undergoing advanced training under Dr. Sriram Parashuram, Chennai. Surup has received the 'Vadya Visharad' title at SIFAS. He was also awarded the 'Rising Star' title at The Trinity Arts Festival during Margazhi Utsavam in 2017.

Tumkur B. Ravishankar: He is an accomplished mridanga artiste who comes from a family of mridanga artistes. Ravishankar is the son and disciple of Tumkur Bhadrachar. He is a top grade mridanga artiste at All India Radio (AIR), Mysuru, since 1995. He has played for almost all the leading artistes of today including Vijaya Shiva, Sudha Raghunathan, Hyderabad Brothers, Chitraveena Ravikiran, Malladi Brothers, Bellary M. Raghavendra, Mysore Nagaraj and Manjunath and many others.

S. Manjunath: Fondly known as Chikka Manju, Manjunath is a well-known ghata artiste. He has accompanied many popular artistes in and outside Mysuru.

—Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

Dejagow and Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust

Awards presentation ceremony in city on Dec.29

Mysuru, Dec.16- City-based Dejagow Trust has selected Littérateur **Dr. K.V. Narayana** for its annual 'Vishwa Manava Prashasti' for the year 2018. The award carries a cash prize of Rs.25,000 and a memento.

Littérateur **Meera Shivalingaiah** will be awarded with 'Smt. Savithramma Dejagow Mahila Prashasti' for the year 2018. This award carries a cash prize of Rs.20,000 and a memento.

Dejagow Trust has instituted the said awards.

While Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust has decided to honour senior researcher **Dr. M. Chidanandamurthy** with 'Karnataka Ratna Nadoja Dr. Dejagow Prashasti' for the year 2018 recognising his contributions for the growth of Kannada. This award carries a cash prize of Rs.20,000 and a memento.

Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust will also honour *Prajapragathi* Kannada Daily Editor **S. Naganna** with 'Late H.K. Virannagowda Patrikodyama Prashasti' which carries a cash prize of Rs.15,000 and a memento.

The awards will be conferred during a programme to be held on Dec.29 to mark Kuvempu's Birth Anniversary celebrations.

Prize winners at Carol Singing Contest

Students from Pre-Primary and Primary sections of NPS International, Mysuru, excelled at the 26th Inter-School Carol Singing Competition conducted by the Carmel Catholic Association at Teresian College in city recently. While the singers from Primary group bagged First Place for their mellifluous song, Pre-Primary group secured Second Place. The competition was held in 12 categories for different age groups with participation from many schools in and around Mysuru. The tiny tots are seen with Principal Shubha Achaiah.

Sharadadevi Mahila Samaja celebrates anniversary

The 27th anniversary celebration of Sharadadevi Mahila Samaja was held at Rajat Sabha Mantap in Ganapati Temple premises at Ramakrishnanagar I-Block in city recently. Dr. Jyothi Shankar, Anasuya Ramesh and Ward 46 Corporator Lakshmi Kiran Madegowda were the chief guests. Samaja President K. Pushpa Machaiah, Secretary S. Padmavati, Advisor A.N. Shastry, office-bearers and Executive Committee Members were present.

11th edition of the Tour of Nilgiris

Cyclists to reach Mysuru this evening

Cyclists in action during the Tour of Nilgiris which will conclude in Mysuru this evening.

Kalpetta, Dec.16- The 11th edition of Tour of Nilgiris (TfN), the annual epic tour of RideA-Cycle Foundation (RAC-F), has been flagged off from Kalpetta this morning and the cyclists will be reaching Mysuru this evening.

The participants reached Kalpetta yesterday by pedalling 147 kms through Pykara and Gudalur (through Naduvattam).

TfN-2018 contingent on Sunday will pedal 133 kms through Pullpally, Payampally, H.D. Kote and reach Mysuru to conclude the 11th edition of the tour.

The grand tour has 110 cyclists, including 29 international and 18 women riders, pedalling 950 kms+ around the pristine Nilgiris Biosphere Reserve across Western Ghats, winding through Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

All-India Junior Golf Championships

Mysuru girls Pranavi, Vidhatri win titles

Pranavi Urs and Vidhatri Urs

Bengaluru, Dec.16- Mysuru girls, Pranavi S. Urs and Vidhatri K. Urs, who took part in the Yes Bank All India Junior (Boys & Girls) Golf Championships at the Eagleton Golf Course in Bidadi near Bengaluru, won the titles in the Category 'A' (15-17 years) and Category 'C' girls sections respectively on Friday.

Pranavi Urs shot a four-under-68, to score a run-away 13-shot win in the Category 'A' girls section. She finished with a three-day aggregate score of ii-under-205.

In the Category 'C' section, Mysuru's Vidhatri Urs from JWGC won the title with a three-day card of 217 (75+72+70).

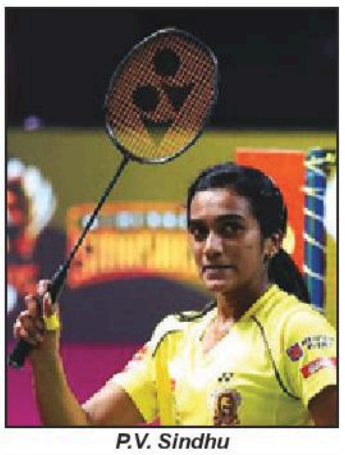
BWF World Tour Finals

P.V. Sindhu beats World No.1 Tai Tzu Ying

Sameer Verma records first win

Guangzhou, Dec.16- The Indian challenge in the BWF World Tour Finals 2018 enjoyed a good day at the office as both players — P.V. Sindhu and Sameer Verma — won their respective Singles events.

While Sindhu beat World No.1 Tai Tzu Ying in her women's singles Group A match, Sameer Verma defeated Tommy Sugiarto of Indonesia in straight games.



P.V. Sindhu

Sindhu not only registered her second consecutive victory in the Tournament but also recorded her first win against Tai Tzu Ying in seven meetings since the Rio Olympics.

Sindhu bounced back from a game down to outclass her Chinese Taipei opponent 14-21, 21-16, 21-18 in a match that lasted 62 minutes. Sameer, on the other hand, notched up a 21-16, 21-7 victory against his Indonesian opponent.

PGTI's CG Open Golf Tournament 2018

Delhite Rashid Khan triumphs

Mysurean Yashas finishes fourth

Rashid Khan

Mumbai, Dec.16- Delhi's Rashid Khan produced a determined final round of seven-under-63 at the Bombay Presidency Golf Club (BPGC) yesterday, to rediscover his form with a comfortable four-shot victory at the PGTI's CG Open Golf Tournament 2018.

The 27-year-old Rashid, who closed the Rs.1 crore event with an imposing total of 16-under-264, thus returned to winning ways after two years. Mysuru lad M.S. Yashas Chandra finished fourth with a four-day aggregate score of 10-under-264.

Shamim Khan (67-71-66-64), the 2016 champion, came up with a flawless final round of six-under-64 to gain three spots and finish runner-up at 12-under-268. Sri Lankan N. Thangaraja, the third round leader, claimed third place at 11-under-269 after a final round of 69.

Mysuru-based 23-year-old rookie Yashas Chandra from JWGC, secured fourth place, his best so far as a professional, after a last round of 68 that pushed his total to 10-under-270.

Yashas Chandra

Bag medals at State-level Body-Lifting Championship

Mysuru, Dec.16 (KS)- The following body lifters from city, who represented Mysore District Physical Provecess Association, have won various medals in the recently held State-Level Body-Lifting Championship at Davangere:

M.D. Sreenivasa Prasad - Gold Medal in M-IV 58 Years - 74 kgs category; **P. Krishnamurthy** - Gold in M-III 51 Years - 78 kgs; **Ganesh Prasad** - Gold in M-II 46 Years - 82 kgs; **J. Shivakumar -** Gold in Senior - 86 kgs; **Satish -** Gold in Senior - 71 kgs; **S. Praveen -** Silver in Junior - 61 kgs; **Supreeth Jain -** Silver in Senior - 52 kgs; **Swaroop -** Silver in Junior - 52 kgs; **N. Bhaskar -** Bronze in Senior - 65 kgs; **K.N. Praveen Kumar** - Bronze in Senior - 76 kgs category, according to a press release.

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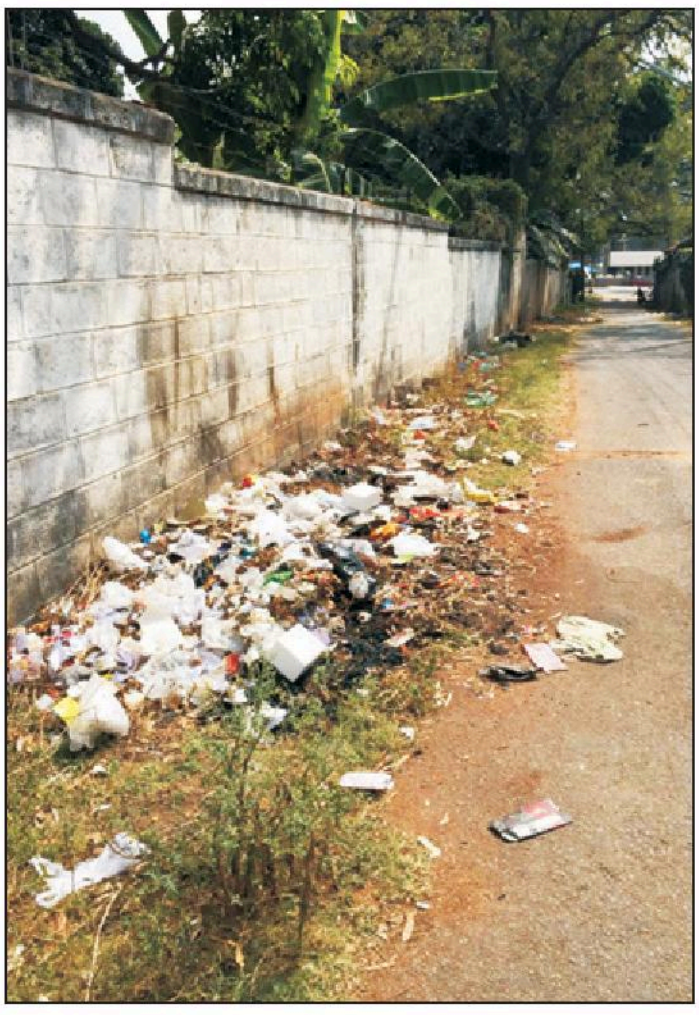
Plea to replace broken concrete slabs on Mission Hospital Road

Most of the concrete and stone slabs to cover the drain on Mission Hospital Road, Soppinakeri, 4th Cross, are broken making it difficult for pedestrians, who are now forced to walk on the busy stretch risking their lives. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to set right the slabs and replace the broken ones for the benefit of the public.

Uncleared garbage irks residents in Lakshmipuram



Uncleared garbage near Chamundi Apartments in Lakshmipuram is causing health hazards to the residents, especially the senior citizens, as it is attracting disease spreading flies besides emanating foul smell. Authorities concerned are urged to get the garbage cleared in the locality regularly.

Yoga Guru B.K.S. Iyengar took yoga to houses

Yoga pioneer's birth centenary year celebrated; demand for Bharat Ratna

Mysuru, Dec.16 (MK&NNN)- Just like Bhishma in the epic Mahabharatha, B.K.S. Iyengar was considered the Bhishma of Yoga, said Patanjali Yoga Shikshana Kendra Founder Prof. K. Keshavamurthy.

He was speaking after inaugurating the Yoga Bhishma B.K.S. Iyengar Birth Centenary Celebrations, organised by Mysuru Yoga Association and District Kannada Sahitya Parishat at Kannada Sahitya Parishat auditorium in city recently.

He said that Iyengar was a great inspiration who knew many difficult asanas and also introduced many new ones. Hence, he was called the modern Yoga Guru and Yoga Bhishma, he added.

Social Worker Dr. K. Raghuram said that the contribution of the Mysore royal family for the growth of yoga was immense and added that Iyengar was instrumental in taking yoga from Mysuru to the international level.

He was greatly responsible to break the myth that yoga was meant only for the sages and saints and took it to the door steps of the people, he said and added that Iyengar was responsible for spreading yoga in China and even at the age of 90 he was performing difficult asanas.

Raghuram said that Iyengar was one of the most influential persons in the world who had his own stature. He has always stood first in the field of yoga. He not only introduced new yoga postures but also encouraged the physically challenged to learn yoga. He was very strict with his disciples and always used to correct their mistakes, he added.

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Y.D. Rajanna said that in these days of tension filled life, there was a great need for inculcating proper food habits, meditation and playing sports. In earlier days, the food one ate had medicinal properties, but in today's world, medicines have become food, Rajanna added.

Just as one is given the Bharat Ratna considering one's contributions in Literature and other fields, B.K.S. Iyengar must also be given Bharat Ratna for his immense contribution in the field of yoga.

—Yoga Prakash
President, Mysuru Yoga Assn.

If one has to develop disease fighting abilities, everyone must practise yoga. Iyengar was responsible for putting yoga on the international map and his birth centenary must be celebrated in a meaningful way, he said.

Yoga Guru B. Srinath was conferred B.K.S. Iyengar award on the occasion. Senior Yogacharya Dr. A. R. Seetharam, SJK Developers Managing Director Doreswamy, Mysuru Yoga Association President Yoga Prakash, Secretary Anand and others were present.

'Trekking is a lifetime experience for NCC Cadets'

Suttur, Dec.16-The participation of NCC Cadets in trekking programmes is a lifetime experience for them, said JSS Institution Co-ordinator J.L. Tripurantaka.

He was addressing the NCC Air Wing Cadets of JSS High School, Suttur who are part of a 10-day trekking expedition to Tirupati and Belagavi. He said that not every student gets an opportunity to join NCC. Hence, those students who get an opportunity must make use of the time to develop self-confidence and patriotism.

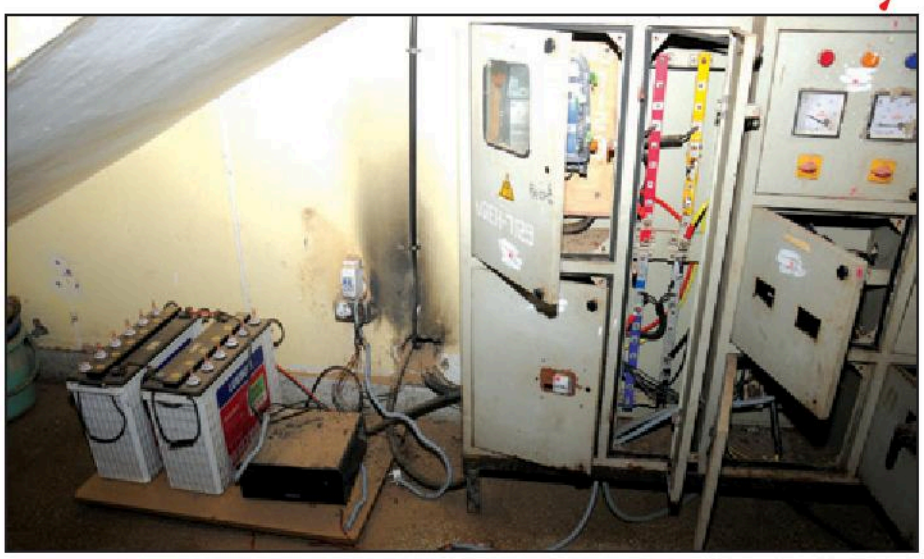
Head Master G. Shivamallu said that NCC Cadets must learn discipline, time consciousness and competitive spirit, leadership qualities and become a role models for other students. School's NCC Air Wing Chief Officer M.G. Basavanna said the cadets must make use of the opportunities that Mysuru's 4th Karnataka Air Wing NCC unit is providing and chalk out their future.

Suttur JSS High School NCC Air Wing Cadets who are on a trekking expedition to Tirupati and Belagavi seen with JSS Institution Co-ordinator J.L. Tripurantaka, Head Master G. Shivamallu and NCC Chief Officer M.G. Basavanna.

Ninth standard NCC Cadets of the school, N.R. Darshan, R. Madan, R.H. Mahesh, P.B. Prashanth and Suman Kumar Mahato will participate in the ten-day trekking expedition at Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh, while S.G. Shivakumar, Naresh Rajwar and others will be taking part at the expedition in Belagavi, according to a press release from the school.

48 students injured in Vontikoppal Students Hostel fire incident

Short-circuit in UPS facility room; students run for safety



UPS room at the Government Post-Matric Students Hostel for Girls in Vontikoppal where fire broke out last evening. Picture right shows Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra speaking to the hostel inmates. Picture below shows injured students being treated at a private hospital.

Mysuru, Dec.16 (MK&SR)- Over 48 students were injured in a stampede when the fire broke out at Government Post-Matric Students Hostel for Girls in Vontikoppal here last evening.

The fire broke out at around 7 pm due to short-circuit in the UPS battery facility at the hostel.

As the news of the fire spread across the hostel, panic-stricken students ran for safety from the three-storied building, fell from stair case on one another and injured themselves. In the melee, some fell unconscious. As many as 270 students were staying at this hostel when the incident took place. Of the injured, 12 students were shifted to DRM Hospital, 20 were moved to Brindavan Hospital, while two seriously injured are availing treatment at an ICU. Few other students had received minor bruises.

On receiving information, V.V. Puram Police and two Firefighter Vehicles visited the spot and extinguished the fire along with the help of the localities. The firefighters also rescued some students trapped inside the hostel.

Learning about the incident, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra too arrived at the spot, helped to shift the injured students along with Hostel Warden Kamakshi.

As some students refused to stay in the hostel after the incident, the authorities have made arrangements for them to stay in the nearby Vocational Course Students Hostel.

Hostel Warden Kamakshi said that the students had complained that the power supply was disrupted in the first floor of the hostel building while the power supply was intact in the ground and second floor. Following complaints, the CHESCom linemen had repaired the power supply system in the first floor of the hostel last evening. Though the problem was fixed, fire broke out in UPS room. This will be rectified very soon, Kamaskhi said.

Second fire incident

She added that this was the second fire incident occurring in the hostel. Earlier, students were panicked when the fire broke out from cooking gas cylinder last week.

However, all measures have been taken to restore the confidence of panic-stricken students and all injured students are being provided treatment at private hospitals, she said.

Tiger kills sheep near Taragan Estate at K.G. Habbanakuppe

Hunsuru, Dec.16 (Mahesh& SR)-A sheep was killed and three other sheep have gone missing after a tiger attacked a flock of sheep which were grazing near Taragan Estate Goat Farm at K.G. Habbanakuppe in Hanagod hobli in the taluk this morning.

The incident took place when Maniyamma and Ramesh were grazing the sheep at Muttanna block near the Goat Farm. They managed to flee from the spot and reported the incident the owner of the Goat Farm.

This is the second incident of tiger lifting sheep, goats and other livestock near Taragan Estate. The carcass of the sheep was found near the spot.

Based on the complaint, Deputy Range Forest Officer (DRFO) Veerabhadraiah and staff inspected the spot.

Panicked villagers demanded the authorities to catch the tiger which was frequently found along with three cubs near the Goat Farm. They said that the tiger had killed more than 12 livestock including sheep, goats and a wild boar in the last four months near Habbanakuppe in Nagarahole Forest limits.

Forest officials inspecting the dead sheep killed by a tiger near Taragan Estate in K.G. Habbanakuppe in Hunsur taluk.

Though the officials of the Forest Department had conducted combing operation to trap the tiger, they were failing to trap it.

It may be recalled that the Forest officials had rescued a tiger which was injured after getting caught in a snare near Shettyhalli Lakkapatna located very close to Taragan Estate and sent to a rehabilitation centre last week.

The villagers have sought the Forest Department officials to trap the elusive tiger to save theie livestock and also prevent man- animal conflict in the region.

Illegal LPG refilling unit raided

One arrested, four domestic LPG cylinders, Rs.2,010 cash, refilling equipment seized

Mysuru, Dec.16 (KS)- City Crime Branch (CCB) Police, along with the officials of the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, who raided a house on Ashoka Road, 23rd West Cross in Lashkar Mohalla where illegal LPG refilling was taking place, have arrested one person besides seizing domestic LPG cylinders, cash and refilling equipment from the place.

The arrested person is 32-year-old Umar Shariff of Lashkar Mohalla. Acting of a tip off, the CCB Police and the officials of the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, raided the place, arrested the accused and seized three domestic LPG cylinders, one small LPG cylinder, Rs.2,010 cash and refilling equipment from the place. A case has been registered at Mandi Police Station in this regard.

DCP Dr. Vikram V. Amathe supervised CCB Inspector A. Mallesh, Food Inspector T.J. Lakshmi, CCB ASI R. Raju and staff Joseph Noronha, D. Sreenivasa Prasad, Purushotham, Arun Kumar, Pushpalatha, Dhananjay and Srinivas in the raid, nabbing and seizing operation, according to a press release from the Public Relations Officer (PRO), City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

WORD OF THE DAY

Immure

Pronunciation: Ih-MYOOR.

Meaning: To enclose within or as if within walls.
Origin: Like mural, immure comes from murus, a Latin noun that means "wall." Immurare, a Medieval Latin verb, was formed from murus and the prefix in- (meaning "in" or "within"). Immure, which first appeared in English in the late 16th century, literally means "to wall in" or "to enclose with a wall," but it has extended meanings as well. In addition to senses meaning "to imprison" and "to entomb," the word sometimes has broader applications, essentially meaning "to shut in" or "to confine." One might remark, for example, that a very studious acquaintance spends most of her time "immured in the library" or that a withdrawn teenager "immures himself in his bedroom every night."
Example: He was immured in a dark room.

THE ODD WORD

Ingurgitate

To swallow something greedily

PHRASE OF THE DAY

If the cap fits

Meaning: If a description applies to you, then accept it.

Origin: The expression is the American version of the earlier British phrase 'If the cap fits, wear it', which is also still in general use. Daniel Defoe used the earlier phrase in the satirical poem The Dyet of Poland. Defoe had the work printed in London in 1705 but, as it was a rather vehement critique of the English parliament, Defoe used the flimsy pretence that it had been printed in Dantzig and was the work of 'Angliopoloski of Lithuania'. Defoe's point in the poem was that readers are responsible for their own opinions; he (or rather Angliopoloski) may have written the poem but that any conclusions drawn from it were owned by the reader, not him. This expression is often used when something derogatory is said about a person who then complains to a third party. The third party, if they agree with the original negative comment, might suggest "If the cap fits, then wear it."
Example: They may not like being called careless, but if the cap fits, wear it.

QUOTE BOX

The world is the great gymnasium where we come to make ourselves strong. **—Swami Vivekananda**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve this rebus:

Answer: Eyeshadow.

SUDOKU

		3						9
			2			7		
		4		5	6		3	
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		6		9		5		
7				2			8	
	5		8	7		9		
		1			4			
4						6		

Answer to previous puzzle

7	9	4	6	5	3	2	8	1
2	3	5	9	1	8	7	4	6
1	8	6	2	4	7	5	9	3
9	1	8	4	7	2	6	3	5
5	7	2	8	3	6	9	1	4
6	4	3	5	9	1	8	7	2
3	2	9	1	8	5	4	6	7
8	5	7	3	6	4	1	2	9
4	6	1	7	2	9	3	5	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Sweeney ___ : The Demon Barber of Fleet Street
5 Declines; retreats
9 Hindu Undivided family
12 "To be" in Paris?
13 Roman eight
14 Inertial Ref. Unit
15 Famous whaler of Moby Dick?
16 Cook's sand-glass? (3-5)
18 Magnate, a big-wig in his field?
20 "Able" to change into a local girl?
21 A turnip, in slang usage?
24 Chlorates, carbonates, etc
27 Serbian tennis star Novak ___
31 ___ Ki Khatir : "Just for you" in Hindi or Urdu?
32 __ out of : exhausts?
33 Sick
34 Funeral bonfire
35 Estimated Time En route
36 Contest at law
38 Fruity smelling organic compound
41 Be afraid of
42 Tow
44 Stormy, windy
48 One of the trio that's ruling?
52 Restaurant district of London
53 Former Mideast org.
54 Pen brand
55 Bollywood's and TV's ___ Nath
56 Former weight for wool
57 Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee
58 Folk ___ : tales prevalent in a region, in a way?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

A	L	F	S	■	F	E	D	■	M	A	L	L
L	O	C	H	■	I	C	E	■	E	L	I	A
A	S	S	E	S	S	E	S	■	R	I	O	S
■	■	■	R	U	T	■	S	A	V	A	N	T
A	G	A	P	E	■	B	E	V	Y	■	■	■
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D	U	E	■	O	A	S	T	S	■	O	A	F
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S	O	C	I	A	L	■	D	O	T	■	■	■
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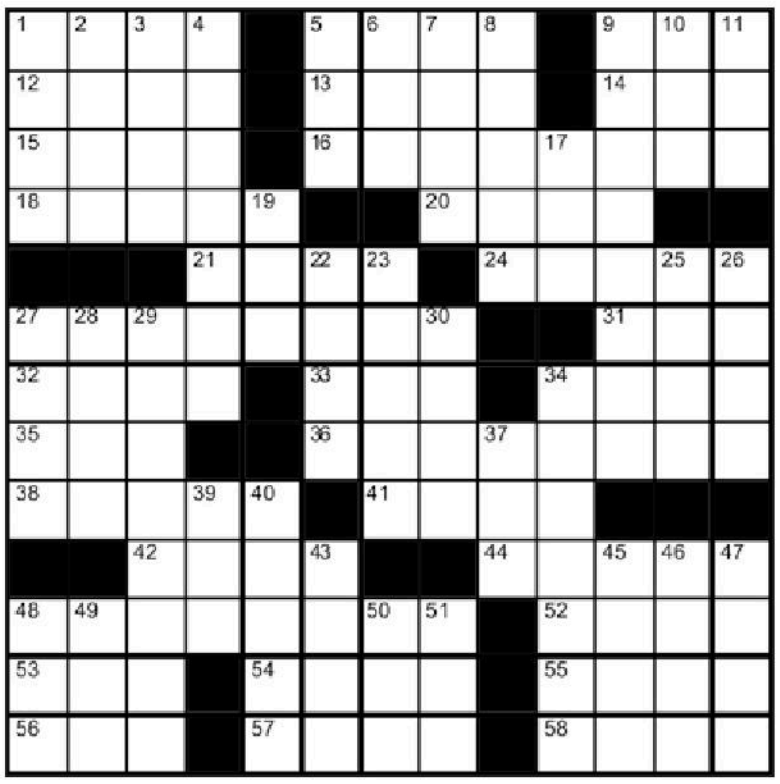
R	A	R	E	■	N	D	A	■	N	O	P	E
E	N	D	S	■	D	A	Y	■	G	R	I	T

DOWN

1 A number of players
2 Roman emperor - "hoot" anagram?
3 Pull without lifting
4 Exposes a fraud
5 Adam's wife
6 In a ___ way : with lots of enthusiasm?
7 Amitabh Bachchan of course (3,1)
8 Places where some construction works are in progress
9 Mountain range in North India
10 Yorkshire river
11 Mink, ermine or stoat?
17 Playback singer Arun
19 Name of many a pope?
22 Wicked
23 Rice dish - "if pal" changed?
25 Bitter sweet
26 WWI German admiral
27 Suffer or endure - "reed" anagram?
28 Projects or protrudes outwards
29 33.33% generally speaking? (3,5)
30 Provide the statements as a crossword compiler?
34 Careful reading
37 Cloth fragment
39 Water in France
40 A type of ballroom dance
43 Roman 57
45 Han of "Star Wars"
46 Lightning user from Heavens above?
47 It might hold oxen together
48 An expression of impatience
49 Ex-P.M. Narsimha ___
50 Irish Rep. Army
51 Monstrous bird of Arabian mythology



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BD LFACBBF WN ND WAJNDKO CN MOLLF LFACBBF: LIO

DRRWZWDGN POKCBPN DR MDYWZOKOB, XDTOABKOBL

ZYOAJN, CBP OYOZLADKOZICBWZCY XCPXOLN

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The point of living and of being an optimist, is to be foolish enough to believe the best is yet to come

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Viraaj	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Orange	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Bhairava Geetha	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Sedu	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Rangada Hudugaru	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Aranyani	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Aquaman	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
HINDI			
Roar	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Metric Pass 3	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Odiyan	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Johnny	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
2.0 (3D)	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
2.0 (2D)	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Sarkar	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows

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Aquaman (3D-E)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Spider-Man (3D-E)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
	(S-2)	9.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am
Viraaj (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Thuppakki Munai (Ta)	(S-2)	4.45 pm
Ben Is Back (E)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Odiyan (Ma)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 9.50 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Orange (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm, 7.00 pm
Kedarnath (H)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
2.0 (2D-Ta)	(S-4)	1 pm, 4 pm, 6.55 pm

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Aquaman (3D-E)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 3.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Spider-Man (3D-E)	(S-1)	1.20 pm, 6.55 pm
Spider-Man (2D-E)	(S-2)	10.10 am
Aquaman (2D-E)	(S-2)	12.45 pm, 6.50 pm
Kedarnath (H)	(S-4)	9.40 pm
2.0 (2D-Ta)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
2.0 (2D-H)	(S-3)	10.00 am; (S-2) 3.45 pm
Odiyan (Ma)	(S-4)	10.30 am
	(S-3)	6.35 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Orange (K)	(S-3)	3.40 pm
Thuppakki Munai (Ta)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Aranyani (K)	(S-4)	1.50 pm
Sedu (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Viraaj (K)	(S-4)	6.55 pm

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2.0 (Ta)	12.45 pm
Aquaman (3D-E)	10.30 am, 4.15 pm, 10 pm
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Orange (K)	1.20 pm
Kedarnath (H)	4.00 pm, 9.50 pm
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EVENTS TODAY (DEC.16)

Department of Business Administration, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, Mysuru and Dhyandeep HCM Corporate Training Centre, Bengaluru: Executive Development Programme on 'Human Resource Information System,' MBA Block, College premises, **up to 10.30 pm.**

#IFCoN2018: Valedictory of 8th International Food Convention, Secretary to the GoI Ashok Dalwai chief guest, MP Pratap Simha guest of honour, AFST(I) President Dr. Prabodh S. Halde , Technical Committee Chairman Dr. Alok K. Srivastava, Organising Secretary Dr. Aashitosh A. Inamdar and others will be present, IFTTC auditorium, **4 pm.**

Inner Wheel District 318, India: *Hrudaya Sangama* - 49th Inner Wheel District 318 Conference, Paediatric Cardiologist Dr. Vijayalakshmi Balekundri inaugurates, Rtn. Abhinandan A. Shetty, Governor, Rotary International District 3182, releases souvenir, Shubhodini Convention Centre, Outer Ring Road, Hebbal, **5 pm.**

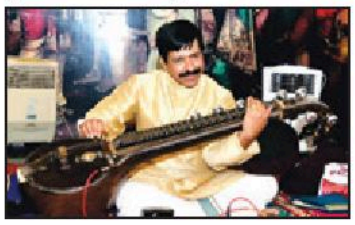
Sabarimala Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti, and Sri Guruvayurappan Temple: 58th Annual celebrations, Vastu Homa and Pujas, Kalasha Purja, Vastu Bali, Prasada distribution, temple premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **5.30 pm to 9 pm.**

Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya: Bhagavad Gita Jayanti Mahotsava-2018, Discourse on 'Geeta Jnana - Yashasvi Jeevana' by BK Rashmi, #79, Swarnimabhavan, M-Block, near Umamaheshwari Temple, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha: Dhanurmasa Puja, a month-long discourse on Thiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivratanandaji speaks on 'Kaliyugada Vyasa Sri Mahendranatha Gupta,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

BHASANGE Balaga: A music programme in memory of art critic S.R.



Krishnamurthy (SRK), **Vid. R.K. Padmanabha** presents Karnatak classical Veena recital, accompanied by Vid. Kumara Swamy on mridanga and Vid. V. S. Ramesh on ghata, Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, Mysuru, **6 pm**.

Articulate: Bharatanatyam by Karuna Ketan Bhakta, Viji Rao and Priyanjali Rao Kathak by Richa Gupta, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Sneha Kiran of Mysore Spastic Society: Dinner-cum-entertainment programme, 'Kristaanjali,' a dance-drama by the special children of Sneha Kiran in collaboration with the students of Shri Ganesha Sangeetha Nrityalaya Charitable Trust, St. Philomena's Indoor Stadium, Bannimantap, **6 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, V.V. Mohalla: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vidwan Dr. M.A. Alwar, Trust premises, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Chinmaya Mission: Datta Jayanti Mahotsava, Gita Jnana Yajna by Swami Aparajitanandaji on Bhagavad Gita, Abhinava Shankaralaya, Sri Sringeri Shankar Mutt, Fort Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: Monthly musical programme, Vocal recital by **Vid. K.T. Udaya Kiran (Vocal),** accompanied by Vid. Venkatesh Josier (Violin) and Vid. A. Radesh (Mridanga), Sri Rama Mandira in Jayanagar, **6.30 pm.**

SM Raghuleela Sangeetha Mandira: Okuli-2 Swaradhareyalli Padadokuli, art patron K.V. Murthy, Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works Partner Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoi guests, Sougandhika Park, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

Discourse: Thiruppavai Discourse by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Pusthakam Sri Santhana Gopalakrishna Swamy Temple, No.141, College Road, behind Raghavendra Mutt, Chamaraja Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of the play *'Nenapadalu Shakuntale'*, directed by S. Ramanath, Bhoomigeetha auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Natana: The play 'Hu Anda.. Uhu Anda..!' by Kinnara Mela, Tumari [The play, adapted by Vaidehi, is directed by K.G. Krishnamurthy], Natana Rangashale, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Adamya Rangashale: Staging of play 'Vasamshi Jeernani,' Sri Kuvempu Rangamandira, Jayalakshmipuram, **7 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC.17)

Sabarimala Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti, and Sri Guruvayurappan Temple: 58th Annual celebrations, Homa and Pujas, **5.30 am to 12 noon;** Annadaana, **12 noon to 3 pm;** Deeparadhane, Attala Puja, Sri Bhoota Bali, Vilakku, Prasadam distribution, temple premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **5.30 pm to 9 pm.**

Karnataka State Archives Department, Mysuru Division and Department of History, Sri Nataraja First Grade College for Women: Foundation Day of Karnataka State Archives Department, Exhibition of historical records and rare photographs, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana President Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, Dr. Jayamala, Minister for Women and Child Welfare, Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens and Kannada & Culture, inaugurates, District Minister G.T. Devegowda be guest of honour, Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh chief guest, MLA S.A. Ramdas presides, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Zilla Panchayat President Nayeema Sulthana, MPs Pratap Simha, R. Dhruvanarayan & L.R. Shivaramegowda and others guests, Sri Nataraja First Grade College for Women, **10 am.**

Regional Institute of Education (RIE), National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi: Inauguration of 34th NCERT Annual Staff Tournament, University of Mysore VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar chief guest, Cricketer Javagal Srinath guest of honour, NCERT - New Delhi Director Prof. Hrushikesh Senapty presides, RIE Playground, **10 am.**

Railway Pensioners Welfare Association (RPWA): Pensioners Day celebrations, President G. Armugam speaks, Association Office premises, Seshadri Iyer Road, **11 am.**

Kannada Sahrudaya Balaga, CSIR-CFTRI: Valedictory of Kannada Habba-2018, Kannada Development Authority Chairman Dr. S.G. Siddaramaiah chief guest, Secretary Dr. Muralidhara distributes study material and certificates, CFTRI Director Dr. KSMS Raghava Rao presides, Cheluvamba auditorium, **3.30 pm.**

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